

# ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

9<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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**Parish Priest:** Canon Liam Gallagher

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Simon Peter Lubuulwa

Also Resident: Fr Peter Norris (Retired)

**Deacon:** Rev. Ian Black

**Parish Office hours:** 10am – 12 noon Tuesday and Friday (email or telephone only)

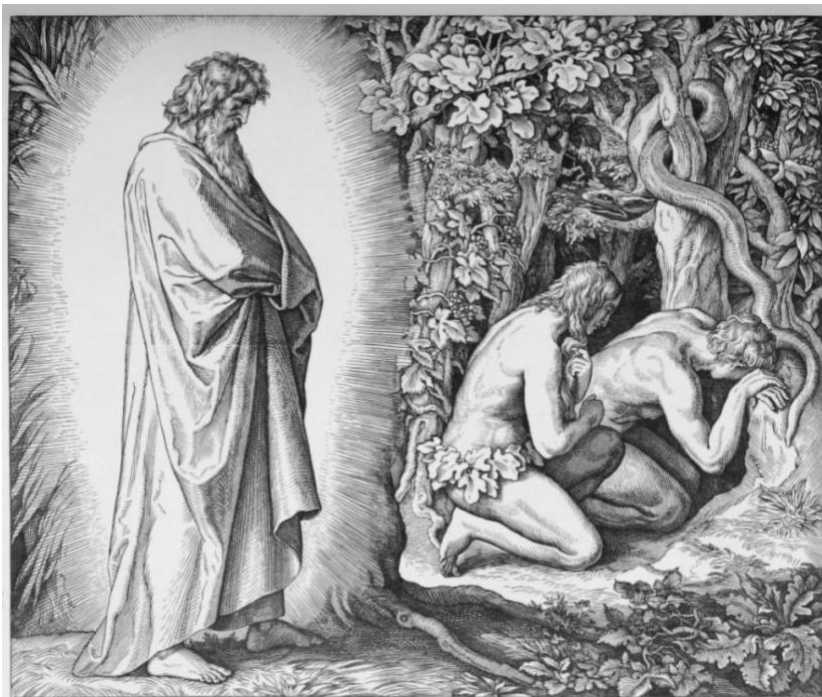
## Catholic Schools

St Francis Primary School: Queen's Road, Maidstone, ME16 0LB 01622 771540

St Simon Stock Secondary School: Oakwood Park, Maidstone, ME16 0JP 01622 754551

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## ADAM AND EVE TRY TO HIDE FROM GOD



**'The Lord God called to the man....Where are you?' (Genesis 3:9)**

**EUCCHARISTIC EXHIBITION:** St. Augustine's Catholic Church Tunbridge Wells are inviting everybody to see an Exhibition they are showing now until 30<sup>th</sup> June. The Church is open all day. It is part of the acclaimed Exhibition of Blessed Carlo Acutis, one of the more recent Canonised Saints of the Church. A young Italian man, who died 2016 aged 25 and whose objective in life is to strengthen the Faith in the Real Presence. There are leaflets at the back plus a poster on a noticeboard which speak of Eucharistic Miracles.

**PARISH LEADS:** An initiative that has come from the Diocese, mainly the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis, is to introduce a system for every parish of having Parish Leads. This would cover the three main areas of Catechesis, Evangelisation and Formation. It does not mean being a Leader and Commander but a resource of support for all in the parish who would provide these ministries. There is also an opening to be a Mentor for the whole Maidstone Deanery in these three areas. Full training and explanation will be provided by the Diocese. If this is something that you can commit yourself to then please let the parish office know, preferably by email.

**SILVER JUBILEE:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, Canon Liam will be celebrating 25 years of priesthood. Mass at 6.30pm will be followed by reception with everybody of the parish invited. This will be held in the hall of the United Reformed Church, just opposite Burger King.

**AWAY:** After the Anniversary Celebrations, Canon Liam shall be away for three weeks on holiday. We welcome various priests who will come to assist us with Sunday Mass during that time, including The Holy Ghost Fathers on their Missionary Appeal on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**CHURCH SHOP:** This is open on Sundays from 9.15am to 10.00am and 11.00am to 11.30am. Gifts and cards for First Holy Communion are now available.

**BARBECUE:** We shall not be holding our usual gathering for Bible and Beverage this month because of The Anniversary. However, we would like to invite anybody and everybody in their 20' or 30's to come to a Barbecue on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – welcome to arrive anytime after 6.00pm at the Priest House. Just a purely social gathering. Please do not worry that you have not been before. Newcomers will be especially welcome. We are blessed with so many people coming to Church every Sunday but not really having the opportunity to meet people who share your Faith and Joy in the Lord. This will be a perfect opportunity to allow us to make you more part of our parish family and even find out what you want from this group. Open for ideas, Prompt anybody you know who you think would like to come. Don't be shy. We are very friendly. See you there!

**ANOTHER CHANCE:** If any married couples missed the recent **Building a Better Marriage day** you'll be delighted to learn that **another day** is being held on the **29<sup>th</sup> June** in the Carmel Hall at the Sacred Heart of Jesus church **Sittingbourne** from 9.30am to 4.30pm. (Please note that this is the last opportunity this year to attend the day in Kent)

The one-day course is for married couples (whether married for one year, 60 years or anywhere in between). It seeks to help husbands and wives to **make their marriages better** and to improve their communication skills. **There is no group sharing and private information remains private to each couple. Booking is essential.** To apply please contact the parish office on the following email [sittingbourne@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sittingbourne@rcaos.org.uk) or by phone on 01795 555708. Refreshments will be provided but please **bring a packed lunch**

**A MESSAGE FROM FR. TIM PEACOCK:** I am at Mwemba school, about half an hour from Tim's mission. This primary school had a zero exam success rate until a new headteacher, Mr. Dube Muleya took over last year. It was a 5% pass rate last term. They had no books so couldn't read. He has just had 1200 books donated by a charity, but the library is tiny, as you can see in the photo, with no shelves even The head teacher wants to extend the building from existing 2 meters to 5 meters long, by 2 meters wide, and install Electricity for computers, also electricity for the admin block. Tim estimates £5000 for the project, including labour. God will provide if it can be done. Tim has recently paid for a roof to be repaired. The Second Collection next weekend will go towards Fr. Tim's project. Photos of this project can be found on our parish website.

#### **COLLECTION:**

First Collection last week (cash)	£1,474.02
Second Collection last Sunday Parish Development Fund	£174.89
Second Collection this Sunday Fr. Tim's School in Zimbabwe (see above)	
Second Collection next Sunday Day For Life	

#### **Direct Debits – April 2024**

Standing Orders - Gift Aid & Non Gift Aid	£4,643.96
Collection CARD Offerings	£2,217.93
Collection ONLINE Offerings	£34.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£6,896.01</b>

**LOTTERY:** Week No. 23                      Lottery No. 201                      £20

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	6.00pm (Sat)	People of the Parish
	8.30am	John McArdle RIP
	9.00am (PH)	Tom Smith RIP
	10.00am	Thanksgiving
	11.30am	Private Intention
	6.00pm	Wellbeing
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10.30am	Health and Wellbeing
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b> St. Barnabas	10.00am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10.30am	Terry Charles Ruaux RIP
	6.30pm	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary-Ordination of Canon Liam
<b>Thursday 13<sup>h</sup> June</b> St. Anthony of Padua	10.30am	Pauline Campbell RIP
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10.30am	Requiem Mass
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10.00am	Terry and Kevin Ruaux RIP
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	6.00pm (Sat)	People of the Parish
	8.30am	Patrick and Mary Mahon RIP
	9.00am (PH)	Winifred Joan Ryan RIP
	10.00am	Len Watson RIP
	11.30am	Tom Egan RIP
	6.00pm	Valerian Dsouza RIP

**We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time**

Maureen Coleman, Bridget Blaney, Marnie Salava, Jean Hayes, Sheila Johnston, Susan Bates, Noran Delay, Rose Gamble, Sylvia Bannon, Diana Kiefer, John McArdle, Carole Chandler, David Willet, Mary Mulligan, Mary Neale, Terence Coghlan, Maurice Longhurst, Patrick Hennessy, Leo Gobel, Pauline Campbell, Claudia Quantrell, Bishop James Danell, Nadine Tester, Kathleen James, Arthur McGinn, Josephine McElroy, Simeon Browne, Tom Bachrach, Michael Kehily, Pauline Archer.

**CONFESSIONS:** Friday 11.00am – 11.30am; Saturday 10.45am - 11.30am

**ADORATION:** 9.30am – 10.15am every Friday morning.

**REST IN PEACE:** We pray for the souls of DENNIS NEALE, VIVINE JOSEPH and ANNUNZIATA ZINA. The Requiem Masses shall be celebrated:

Vivine Joseph: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am

Annunziata Zita: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 10.30am

Funeral arrangements are still being made for Dennis Neale

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Please note that **Mass on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June** is at the slightly earlier time of **10.00am** because of a Deanery meeting in Tenterden the clergy need to attend.